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'The Panel has also examined the risk that water use by any onshore shale gas industry will cause an unacceptable drawdown of nearby water supply bores, making it difficult for groundwater to be extracted for use in communities, for agriculture, for pastoralism and ecosystems'.

Surely the above statement emphasizes the risks which fracking will present which we, as a state, cannot afford to take!

Farmers need to have the right to say 'No'. They have worked on the land for most of their lives, themselves or families, compensation will never cover damages to water, water is a basic human right!

Mining generally needs to be accountable to the Water Act! We have waited for many years. Mining needs to come into line with everyone else who has to pay for water!

Rehabilitation - this is impossible after the water source has been tainted....

Re-injection of wastewater into deep aquifers, thousands of years old, surely is not best practice. Any type of chemical injected deep down under or through rocks is unacceptable!

We have more than enough gas offshore, we do not need to frack!

We need protection for areas to be free from any mining.....whatever mining it may be...we need protection for National Parks, gorges, significant waterways and swimming areas, as well as urban and rural areas.

It is apparent that there is considerable uncertainty about the likely scale and rate of development of any shale gas industry in the Northern Territory if the moratorium is lifted. This is nothing but a nightmare meaning any number of wells....

Fracking offers very few jobs for a short period.

Insurance is impossible to get for properties with multiple gas wells.

Who will even monitor drilling practices & water disposal, not the companies themselves as they are incapable to be trusted to do this, so who? independent regulators in the outback 24hrs a day, 362 days a year? It only takes 1 mistake....

The incredible amount of water used by the fracking industry is unthinkable, to have this transported by trucks in the wet season with flooding, it will not work, they will end up dumping water anywhere, again, this cannot be monitored.

I support a total ban on fracking, or, at least, a 10 year moratorium! The work done by the Panel has been excellent, but, it is only the beginning, we need years of figures, research, data and proof that no damage will occur, ever, to our aquifers!

Thankyou

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